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	Art Unit	1617
	Examiner Name	Edward J. WEBMAN
	Attorney Docket Number	3100-0001.20

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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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b. ☒ Enclosed

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Title: GASTRIC RETENTIVE ORAL DOSAGE FORM WITH RESTRICTED DRUG RELEASE IN THE LOWER
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
FILED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2004, please reconsider this application in light of the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper. A Notice of Appeal was timely filed on April 7, 2005, the six-month date of the final Office Action. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 ("RCE"). Because the RCE removes the finality of the Office Action, this response is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims on pages 2 to 7 of this paper.

REMARKS

Applicants' arguments in support of this application are set forth in the remarks on pages 8 to 10 of this paper.